Roundabouts
How to use
Quick Tips

Slow down as you approach the roundabout.
Choose the correct entry lane.
Watch for pedestrians crossing the roadway when approaching or exiting a roundabout.
Traffic in the roundabout has the right-of-way.
Give large vehicles extra space to manoeuvre.
Avoid passing other vehicles in the roundabout.
Signal your exit.

For more information, visit the MTO Roundabouts Website at www.ontario.ca/roundabout

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Roundabouts are a type of intersection at which all traffic circulates in a Counterclockwise Direction, to the right of a Central Island. All entering vehicles must yield to traffic already in the roundabout.

**Benefits of roundabouts can include:**
- Fewer injury collisions.
- Reduction in collision severity.
- Improved traffic flows.
- Fewer stops and reduced delays.
- Less idling and air pollution.

**Large Vehicles**
Large vehicles may need to use more than one lane when approaching, within and exiting the roundabout. Within the roundabout, large vehicles may also need to use the Truck Apron. Give large vehicles plenty of room to navigate within the roundabout.

**Pedestrians**
Never cross to the Central Island of the roundabout. The Splitter Islands will allow you to cross one direction of traffic at a time. Pedestrians should always wait for gaps in the traffic and only cross when it is safe to do so.

**Cyclists**
Experienced cyclists may ride through the roundabout as if you were any other vehicle. Before entering the roundabout, the cyclists should carefully move into the centre of the appropriate travel lane. They should stay in the middle of the lane until they are clear of the roundabout. Less experienced cyclists should dismount and walk their bicycles, following the same rules that apply to pedestrians.

**Emergency Vehicles**
If you have not yet entered the roundabout, pull over to the right if possible and allow the emergency vehicle to pass you. If you are in the roundabout, take your intended exit and proceed beyond the Splitter Island before pulling over to the right to allow the emergency vehicle to pass you. Never stop inside the roundabout.

**Rules for Roundabouts**

1. **Slow down as you approach the roundabout. Keep to the right of the Splitter Island.**
2. **Use the correct lane for your intended destination.**
3. **Pay special attention to pedestrians who may be crossing the roadway.**
4. **Watch for vehicles already in the roundabout, including cyclists.**
5. **Traffic in the roundabout always has the right-of-way. Entering vehicles must always yield.**
6. **Enter the roundabout when there is an adequate gap in the circulating traffic.**
7. **In the roundabout, keep to the right of the Central Island and travel in a Counterclockwise Direction.**
8. **Do not stop, pass large vehicles or change lanes within the roundabout.**
9. **Use your right-turn signal when exiting the roundabout.**
10. **If you miss your exit, continue around the roundabout again and exit.**

**Navigating Multi-Lane Roundabouts**

- **TO TURN LEFT** Move into the left lane approaching the roundabout. Once you are in the roundabout, stay in the left lane. When approaching your intended exit, signal right and exit the roundabout in the left lane.

- **TO TURN RIGHT** Move into the right lane approaching the roundabout. Once you are in the roundabout, stay in the right lane. When approaching your intended exit, signal right and exit the roundabout in the right lane.

- **TO GO STRAIGHT AHEAD** Use either the left or right lane approaching the roundabout. Once you are in the roundabout, stay in your lane. When approaching your intended exit, signal right and exit the roundabout while staying in your lane.